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# Buy In and Win contest underway in Haliburton

**NATE SMELLE**
*County Life* Staff

For the fourth year in a row, local shoppers will have a chance to "Buy In and Win" courtesy of the Haliburton downtown BIA's annual contest.

According to BIA administrator Cindy Campbell, local shoppers can take part in the contest by filling out a ballot at any of the 118 member businesses in downtown Haliburton.

One of the reasons people find the Buy In and Win contest so exciting, she said, is because participants can enter as many ballots as they like. All shoppers need to do to participate, said Campbell, is simply pick up a ballot and deposit it in the ballot box at the store where they make their purchase.

"The more they shop in town the more chances they have at winning," she said.

This year's winner will have the choice of a vacation for two in Puerta Vallarta, Mexico or $1,000 cash. "Last year's winner decided to take the trip to the sunny south and had a fabulous vacation," Campbell said. The contest opened on Nov. 20 and will continue until noon on Dec. 22 when the draw will take place live on Moose FM 93.5. Campbell explained that the contest was originally created to give back to community members who patronize local businesses, however it was also intended to help give local businesses a boost during the holiday season.

"It's important to shop locally because our local retailers and business people are the sponsors of our local activities – the theatre, hockey teams, all the events that happen in the community," said Campbell.

"We generally will go to our own people for donations. They give back, so it is important that we give back. If we support our local businesses, then they can support us."

New this year, participating businesses will also have a chance to win a prize. Campbell said the business where the winning ballot is deposited will receive a prize for the owners and staff. She sees the contest as an embodiment of Haliburton's community spirit. Having lived in a larger city before she moved to Haliburton, Campbell believes that it is this generosity that makes the community such a special place to call home.

"It's such a tight-knit community that everybody looks forward to seeing who wins," she said.

"It's a small community so chances are everyone is going to know who wins and want to congratulate them. People seem to rally around this contest every year and it is a lot of fun."

## For the love of books

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library held a book sale during the weekend of Festival of Trees and the Minden Santa Claus Parade. Supporters were welcomed to the Minden branch of the library on Saturday, Nov. 25 to find a gently used book for purchase. Money donated to the organization goes to fund local library branches with purchases. From left, Steve Fox, Shirley Moore, Tina Anderson, Sybil Roodenburg, Sue Sisson, Rozanne Hynard and Betty Fox. / JENN WATT Staff

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# Accommodating diverse diets during the holidays

**NATE SMELLE**
*County Life* Staff

With most Christmas celebrations taking place around the dinner table, the shifts in diet can pose a challenge for hosts who care to accommodate the dietary needs of all their guests.

While working at Marty's Health Food Store in Haliburton, Brenda Coty said she often sees people at this time of year who want to know how to prepare a healthy and delicious meal for their friends and family who choose a vegan or vegetarian diet, or those who are lactose intolerant, sensitive to gluten, or possess a food allergy.

Though not too long ago it may have been difficult to satisfy the palates and stomachs of these individuals, Coty said that is no longer the case because there is now an abundance of options.

"There are so many options out there; it's unbelievable," she said.

"Working at the health food store here it just gives you the tip of the iceberg with regards to what's available. When it comes to vegan options, people always want to make sure they have the right balance and that they are getting their protein. It's not that difficult though really, but many people don't realize the nutrient value of greens. There is a lot of protein in greens alone."

Acknowledging that many people like to bake during the Christmas season, Coty said she has had several people come in seeking alternatives to white sugar to sweeten their baked goods and desserts. When it comes to natural sweeteners, she said there are several options, however she usually recommends maple syrup or honey because they are produced locally. Because everyone's dietary needs and preferences differ, Coty said the best advice she can give to people who are wondering how to satisfy their guests is to do their own research. She said a quick search online can produce thousands of recipes to accommodate virtually any diet. Coty believes it is important to take time to respect guests' diet, because it reflects who they are and what they value.

"Choosing the right diet for yourself is so much more than just the foods you eat," she said.

Store manager at Abbey Gardens Susan Roscoe said she often has individuals coming into the store looking for healthy, eco-friendly foods to add to their Christmas dinner spread. Considering almost everything available at their store is sourced from within a 200-kilometre radius of Abbey Gardens, she said customers have plenty of foods and ingredients to choose from.

"We have local produce as well as local products," said Roscoe.

"We have a number of wheat-free and gluten-free crackers. We have regular cow cheese as well as goat cheese and vegan tree nut cheese which is made from cashews. There has been a tremendous response to the vegan cheese. We've even had a lot of full-fledge meat eaters come in and tell us how awesome it is. It's a lot easier now to be vegan and eat healthy than it use to be."

Roscoe said all the products they carry in the store are made from natural ingredients. They also have a wide variety of homemade soups, jams, jellies and pickled vegetables which they prepare on site. She said they even mill Canadian grain into flour and sell pancake, muffin and cookie mix that can be used to make Christmas baked goods healthier and more eco-friendly.

Local grocery stores also include a variety of alternatives for the holidays and include vegan and vegetarian sections in their stores. Organic produce and health food aisles are good places to start if you're looking to satisfy "alternative" diets this Christmas.

**Get the season started**
Gord Kidd got things started at the Christmas tree lighting ceremony before the parade on Friday, Nov. 24. The tree was donated by Peter Curry and the location and hydro donated by Anthony vanLieshout. /JENN WATT Staff

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# Community groups embrace the giving season

**NATE SMELLE**
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More than any other time of year, the Christmas season seems to inspire kindness, compassion and generosity in people. Local charities and not-for-profit organizations appreciate this fact, and many of them have come to rely on this seasonal blossoming of goodwill to replenish their resources and expand their capacity to help others.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is one of these organizations. HHHSF executive director, Lisa Tompkins said the Christmas campaign is one of the foundation's core fundraising initiatives.

"This time of year is often an important one for charitable giving by the many generous donors who contribute to our 'Believe in the Magic of Giving' campaign – both from the Haliburton Highlands and beyond," said Tompkins.

"We are very grateful for the ongoing and very generous contributions of so many who continue to support our fundraising efforts, ensuring quality healthcare facilities and services are available in the Haliburton Highlands."

Tompkins said that the funds raised through this year's campaign will be used to support the purchase of medical equipment identified as priority. On this year's list: a new portable ultrasound machine for use in the emergency department and new accessible bathtub equipment for long-term care.

As Christmas draws near, so does the winter weather which increases the demand for support throughout the community. Each year at this time, local food banks see the list of families needing food and/or other types of support grow.

Manager of the Minden Food Bank, Joanne Barnes can attest to this unfortunately annual truth.

During the Christmas season, Barnes said the food bank provides its clients with approximately 185 Christmas food hampers. She said patrons have their choice of selecting a turkey hamper or a ham hamper, and families with children can also pick up toys to give to their kids for Christmas.

"We're seeing a lot of people who can't afford their heat, hydro and groceries," Barnes said.

"Often, I see families not getting fuel to keep the house warm, just so they can feed their kids."

A few years ago, Barnes said a mother of five children that she interviewed at the food bank explained to her how she and her family would wear snowsuits indoors to stay warm, because they couldn't afford to feed themselves and heat their home. Recognizing the severity of the problem, Barnes went on to establish Fuel for Warmth – a program that helps people and families in need heat their homes.

Despite the high quantity and quality of support services available to the community, the impact of poverty still weighs heavily on many people in Haliburton County. Since September, Barnes said the food bank has been taking in three to five new families every single week. Recently, she has seen several families move north to Haliburton County because they couldn't afford their rent and the cost of living in the GTA.

"It's very scary," she said.

"Right now, we're serving about 125 families, but when you add everything up it's closer to 200 people, and that number is climbing now."

Board chair of the 4Cs Food Bank and Thrift Store in Haliburton, David Ogilvie has also observed this annual spike in need around the holidays and throughout the winter months. Every Christmas he said they tend to provide assistance for approximately 120 families.

"I see people on a regular basis who to say they're struggling would be an understatement," Ogilvie said.

"We're simply helping, we're not meeting all the needs by any stretch of the imagination. We're supplementing their food budget with the food bank."

From Nov. 27 until Dec. 9, families registered with the food bank can sign up to receive food vouchers and toys for their kids.

To register, Ogilvie said people can contact the 4Cs by calling 705-457-3331. The pickup date for the vouchers is Dec. 1.

Ogilvie said that the support offered by the 4Cs is flexible and extends to meet the community's needs whenever possible. Whether it is providing help to people to heat their homes, or helping those in need of prescription medication that they can't afford, Ogilvie said they will do what they can to help. With so many people in need of support, he said the funds generated from sales at the thrift store enhances their ability to serve the community.

"The revenue from the thrift store really helps to allow us to do many of the things we do," said Ogilvie.

"One of the neat things with the thrift store is that it allows people to shop for things they need at a reasonable price, and all the revenue from the store basically goes to the food bank. It enables us to stock and distribute all that food. For many individuals, an easy way to donate is to simply come in and shop."

Executive director of SIRCH Community Services, Gina Robertson also acknowledges the importance of the Christmas season in terms of building their organization's capacity to help people throughout the holidays and the rest of the year.

She describes SIRCH's "Gifts from the Heart" program as one of the organization's two "anchor events."

To donate to the campaign Robertson said people can visit SIRCH online at: www.sirch.on.ca, or by calling 705-457-1742. They are also welcome to drop by the office at 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton. Gifts from the Heart, she said, gives community members an opportunity to give someone they care about the gift of helping people in the community they share and call home.

"It makes a huge difference for us," said Robertson.

"We do not have any base funding for our food programs where we give out meals for free, so that wouldn't be around. In fact, lots of our programs wouldn't happen without donations provided over the holidays. Everyone has their own reason for giving, but 's not really where you give that matters – it's that you give."

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Creative Christmas decorations made each tree special at Festival of Trees at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. /JENN WATT Staff

## I love a parade

EVENTS LIKE the very well done Santa Claus parades in Minden and Haliburton provide the impression that every parade is good. That's only because the organizers made it look so easy. What most of us don't realize is that they had to put a lot of thought into pulling off a successful parade.

Over the centuries, parades have evolved and only some have survived. Here are ten that haven't.

1. The Celebration of Early Lake Ice Parade: Oh sure, this was a big hit during its heyday in the Ice Age, but as we left that era, this parade, which was held in late November on the nearest shallow lake, suddenly ceased to exist after its organizers went missing.
2. The Couch Potato Parade: Was honestly a non-starter when participants were told that they have to walk along a parade route.
3. The Original Lion's Club parade: This has nothing to do with the current Lions Club. Rather it was a parade organized by early wild lion enthusiasts. They shouldn't have tried it before feeding time.
4. The Parade of Dawdlers: This parade wasn't horrible but it took six days and by the end everyone forgot why they were there.
5. The Sprinter's Parade: Again, the concept was good but it only took seven seconds.
6. The Parade of 400 Horses: Had this parade been initiated after shovels were invented, it might have stood a chance.
7. The Lawn Dart Enthusiasts Parade: It was OK until the free giveaways from a T-shirt cannon.
8. The Luge Festival Parade: If only they had not assembled the crowd at the bottom.
9. The Festival of Candles, Oil and Gunpowder Parade: It was fine until the candle light vigil at the end.
10. The Procrastinator's Parade: This is a wait and see situation.

**STEVE GALEA**
Humour Columnist

## Insulate your window and your wallet this winter

While windows make our homes bright, cheerful places to live, they're also responsible for almost 25 per cent of heat loss, which results in a higher energy bill. So as the weather gets colder and we turn up the heat in our homes, make sure a draft doesn't creep in through your windows.

Replacing your windows can be costly and is not always a practical solution. Instead, try these tips from Hydro One to stop the heat from escaping:

1. As much as 13 per cent of your home's heat loss could be escaping through gaps between the trim of window frames. If possible, stuff insulation between the window and frame. If that's not an option, try caulking around the window.

2. Build a barrier against the cold by sealing your windows with plastic sheeting in the winter. This is an inexpensive solution, as all you need is a hair dryer, double-sided tape and some plastic sheeting, available at home improvement stores. There are indoor and outdoor options available for plastic sheeting as well, so purchase the one that suits your needs.

3. Opening your window coverings on a sunny winter day will allow the sun to warm up your home. But once the sun sets, you should close them in order to trap that warmth inside. Lined curtains will also help with drafts during cooler outdoor temperatures.

Got windows that are more than 20 years old? Looking into replacing them may not be a bad idea.

Find more tips at www.hydroone.com/forhome.

*Submitted by Hydro One*

## Maybelle in the Big Smoke

**MAYBELLE'S FIRESIDE STORIES**

Special to *County Life*

I don't know about you, but my jingle bells are jingling and it's not even December. OK, my jingle bell earrings, don'tcha know. There's so much going on around the Big Guy in the red pants, his unrelenting loyal elves, and loveable hearty reindeer… the whole caboodle. And, I'm missing my favourite pre-Christmas celebrations in Lake WhaddyathinkImean because I'm in the Big Smoke visiting my old friends.

It's been a good 10 years since I was in Toronto. Just driving in the city makes me feel like I deserve a gold medal, what with all the narrow streets, lots of them going one-way with cars parked fender-to-fender along one side, cyclists riding close beside you, some rogue cyclists skirting between cars, in crosswalks and on sidewalks. Then, trying to make a right turn while seemingly hundreds of people are coming at you in the crosswalk, some running in front of my truck just at the last minute as the traffic light changes. No wonder there are coffee shops on every corner. Only in Toronto can caffeine calm you down!

Thank goodness my friend, Aggie VonLeiderhosen, lives in the Beaches where I'm staying. Compared to being right in the centre of Taranna, my shoulders can relax a bit. And there are lovely old tree-lined streets leading all the way down to the Kew Beach boardwalk.

So, the other day I'm walking down one of these picturesque streets and I'm singing…softly so no one can hear. At least I think nobody can hear, until I pass by a woman sitting on her front steps with her dog who shouts at me: "TOO HAPPY!"

Why, it's getting so that if people even suspect you of being happy, they want to keeel you. It's like: How dare you be happy when my life's smelling up my shoe. Oh, the fire in their eyes. The rage. Now, in order to feel safe, I have to fake it. I MOAN. "Ohhhhh." "Nooooo." "Never againnnnn." And it's amazing how warm and generous these same people suddenly become. "Are you alright?" "Can I help you?" "Do you know where you are, old girl?"

Needless to say, after being here for less than a week, I can hardly wait to return to Lake WhaddayathinkImean. There, I'm like most folks…friendly, open, ready to meet and greet with: "Hi, how are you doing?" Even strangers smile and wave at you.

Should I even go near talking about the price of parking in the Big Smoke? How about just trying to FIND an available parking space? It's either permit street parking, super expensive timed street parking, or unbelievably expensive underground or above ground "public" parking lots. Not like in Lake W where we've got so much space, even the deer have room to romp, for FREE!

And getting to a meeting on time?

In Toronto, you might get stuck behind a garbage truck, like I did the other day. One garbage guy was driving, the other was slowly walking from one house to the next opening each garbage bin and throwing its contents into the back of the truck. For an entire block!

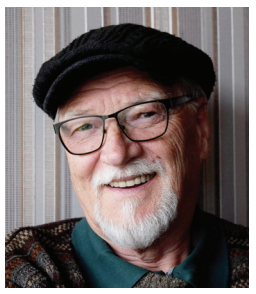
In Lake WhaddayathinkImean, what might make you late to a meeting is stopping for a gaggle of geese waddling across the road…which always puts a smile on my face. See? Being in Lake W to ol' Maybelle, is happy-making. A place where I'm sure Santa loves to visit every year. And, why not? We sure know how to make a person feel welcomed. And there's tons of free parking for his sleigh.

We sure have a lot to look forward to, and a lot to be grateful for.

Happy Almost Christmas, everybody!

*Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon, is available at amazon.com*

# A look behind the displays



**GEORGE FARRELL**
On Arts

Christmas is the time of year when every retail business goes all-out with their product displays. It might seem at times that stores go over the top in their attempts to get you to part with your hard-earned dollars, but there's method to the madness, and displays are often the product of hours of planning.

As an example take The Boutique, the gift shop located in the Rails End Gallery. The B outique has a six-member committee called the Boutique Improvement Committee (BIC), whose mission it is to keep the boutique fresh through the use of merchandising display and marketing, while also enhancing the role of the relationship between the purchaser and the gallery.

The committee was formed just last year and 2017 is the first year that The Boutique, which is separate from the gallery space, has expanded to the gallery. "It's the first Christmas Boutique and is a promotional concept meant to increase sales for the benefit of local artists and the gallery," said curator Laurie Jones. The Boutique accepts arts and crafts products on consignment, with 30 per cent of each sale going to the gallery.

"The BIC decided to find out how other galleries and museums run their shops," said Rails End administrative assistant and BIC member Michelle St. Pierre, "and we found out that they had committees whose members attended gift shows. Then, after the shows, they met to talk about displays and product selection that would suit their markets."

"Most gallery and museum gift shops are volunteer-driven," Jones said. "Ours is a staff-supported committee, with volunteers, and we look to establish The Boutique as a growing income stream, which is part of our fundraising efforts."

In addition to staffers Jones and St. Pierre, the committee consists of Maija Stone, Janet Trull, Jacquie Clarkson and Marguerite Easby.

The Boutique has seen an improvement in sales, so I asked Jones and St. Pierre what they attributed that to. "It's due to what we've learned," said St. Pierre. Jones concurred. "It's little things like putting product in threes and fives for instance, which is more pleasing; and colour blocking (blocks of items of the same colour), and having displays on different elevations. Lighting is also important to direct people's eyes through your space."

"Some people don't like to turn an item over to see the price," said St. Pierre. "So we've learned to put price tags where people can easily see them. And we've learned so much from Toby Fergenbaum who has worked diligently in revamping the merchandise displays. She's a volunteer who, since the summer, comes in every week, to help out."

So what can visitors expect to see in the Christmas Boutique? Well, there are new and exclusive items like decorative beeswax candles from Ron Lofthouse; a new line of glass fridge magnets from Artech Glassblowing Studios, a line of washable cashmere baby-wear courtesy of Eva Rutherford; linen tea towels by Sparrow Avenue; wrought iron towel racks, coat hangers, and candle holders by father and son team, Jim and Ben Carter; leather handbags and jewelry from Karen Gunna; colourful infinity scarves from Oscardo, some which feature designs by Indigenous artists like Norval Morrisseau; up-cycled mittens by Faye Wright; plus a variety of handmade ornaments and Christmas cards.

The Boutique and the Christmas Boutique are both open until Dec. 23, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday, and on Sunday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. On Dec. 9, from noon until 4.p.m. The Boutique will be having an open house, where you can peruse the wonderful displays while indulging in mulled cider and shortbread.

So, if you're looking for that special, unusual gift for Christmas and want to help out an artist at the same time, maybe what the BIC committee has learned about displaying their wares might prompt you to purchase.

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# Playwrights' workshop to get creative juices flowing

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*Re-Generation: A Haliburton Tale*, the first production of local theatre group Rural Rogues, was performed this summer. The play was written and directed by Michael Clipperton, who is leading a six-week workshop series on playwriting. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

When you write for the stage, the dialogue needs to stand for itself. Unlike in prose or poetry, there is little room for describing the setting or outlining the emotions of the character. What the audience knows it must learn from what the actor says, through the script the playwright creates.

It's a challenging craft, says director, playwright and sometimes actor Michael Clipperton, but one that can be deeply rewarding.

"The dialogue that you write will determine what the actor does. You don't have to tell the actor to say this line angrily, your words will tell them to do that," he said in an interview.

Clipperton will be teaching an upcoming series of workshops on playwriting, organized through local theatre group Rural Rogues. Six evening sessions scheduled weekly (with a one-week break) starting Jan. 9, will take writers through the process of creating a 10- to 15-minute scene featuring three to five characters.

Part of the process will include a read-through with fellow participants and then at the end, actors will perform some of the works.

"We'll bring in some actors who will read the scripts aloud in front of an audience," said Clipperton.

"The process gives the writers an opportunity to go from the very germ of an idea to hearing their words read by an actor. That can be pretty exciting. Also pretty terrifying. Believe me; I know."

Clipperton teaches at Lakehead University's Orillia campus, currently instructing on drama and dance to teacher candidates. He has worked in theatre for 30 years and is a relatively recent addition to the Highlands community. Last summer, he wrote an original play to mark Dysart's 150th anniversary called *Re-Generation*.

The workshop series is affordable at $60, which comes to $10 per session. Participants must commit to attending all six and pay up front. The sessions will take place Tuesday evenings at the Haliburton Highlands Museum from 7 to 10 p.m.

Experienced playwrights and those who have never written for the stage are welcome. You don't need a scene in mind, either.

"It's a really wonderful way to pass January and February. It gets you out of the house," said Clipperton.

For more information or to sign up, get in touch with Kate Butler, director of the Haliburton Highlands Museum, at 705-457-2760.

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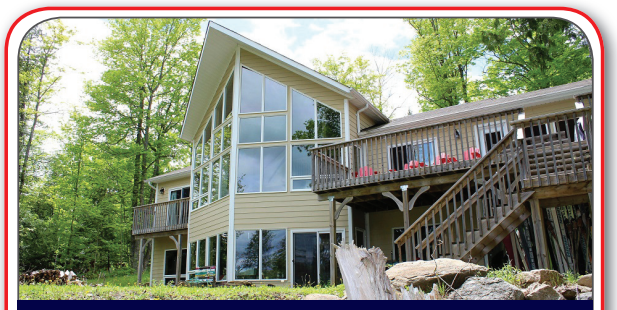

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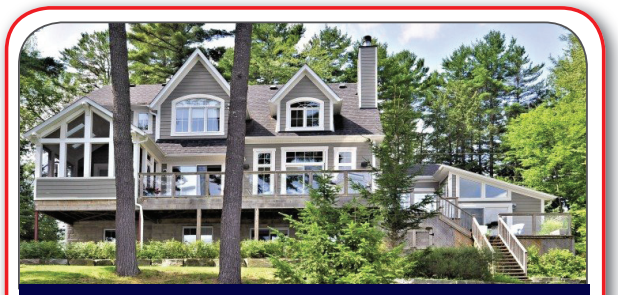

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# Carrots and kale champions of the garden

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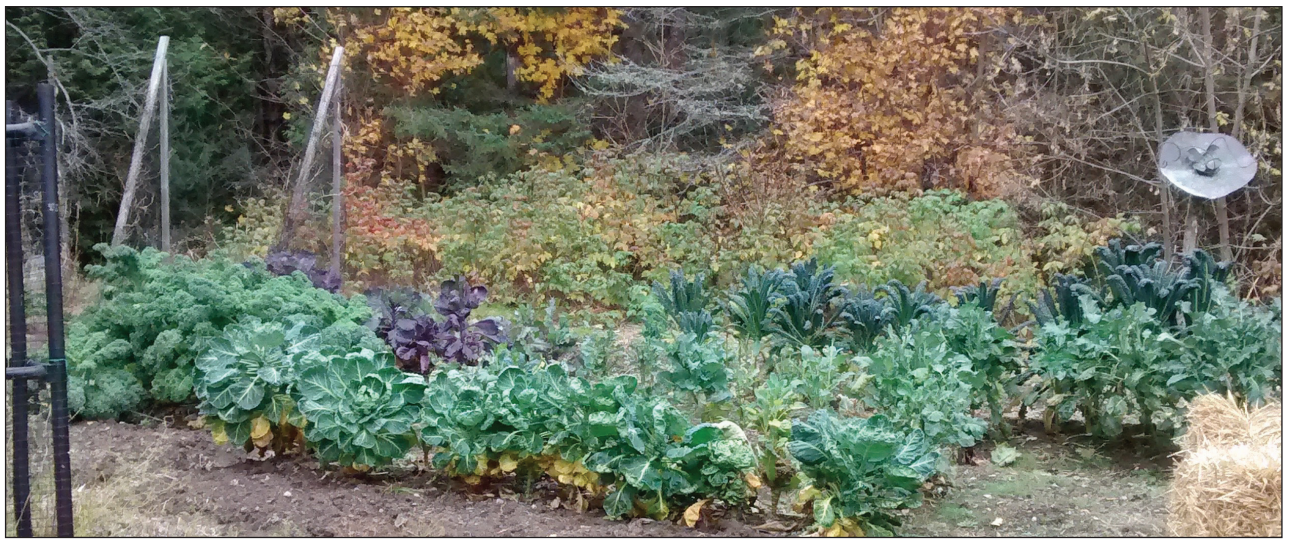
Garden Musings

THE LAST JOB in the veggie patch is finished, that of covering the newly planted garlic with a nice layer of straw. I am not sure why it needs covering, but an expert garlic grower gave the advice so I follow the suggestion faithfully every year. Now the garden is ready for winter, and sure enough, within hours a wind-whipped snow shower blew through.

Putting the garden "to bed" is an important part of the yearly cycle and these last tasks of the season hint at a time of rest for the soil and a vacation for the gardener.

Granted, it is sort of a busman's holiday, since the winter is spent planning for the next season, researching new vegetable varieties, tending to the potted plants, cleaning tools and starting seeds for spring planting. If you are a gardener, you know the pattern.

The first winter chore is to assess the harvest. What did well? What didn't produce? Why? For most growers, the vegetable garden is prime real estate and we want to make sure we get good return for our efforts. The only way to ensure good return is to keep notes from year to year.



Kale and Brussels sprouts in this year's garden.

These records don't have to be complicated but should contain enough information to make choices for the next growing season. I use a simple chart on a single piece of paper in which I note the vegetable type, when it was planted, where it was bought, growing requirements and notes.

I might also add things like insect damage, lack of rainfall, old seeds (saved from a previous season or if the rabbit ate the whole crop).

With all of the information at hand, now I can look at the successes and failures of the 2017 season.

Starting with the failures, I have to recognize that most were a direct result of the cool, damp, overcast season. Vegetables that thrive in heat had a hard time

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# Jalapeño peppers surprise with late fruit

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including four of the five tomato varieties. Long time favourites produced only one or two fruits – Green Zebra, Carolina Gold and Mountain Magic limped along.

The only one to shrug off the rain was a cherry tomato called Sweet Hearts Hybrid. It is a grape-shaped fruit that is very flavourful and firm. There was a threat of frost in early September so we picked all of the clusters and placed them in cardboard trays. Over the next few weeks, they slowly ripened and we had sweet, homegrown tomatoes until Thanksgiving.

You may recall my intention to cut back on zucchini plant this year due to the overabundance of marrows in 2016. Well, wasn't that a mistake? My three seedlings in one single mound produced four, count them, four, measly two-inch yellow summer squashes. Not even enough for a stir-fry. It was the same sad story with the cucumbers. The good news – the pantry is still full of pickles from last year.

Cauliflower was also a dismal failure. But this time it wasn't only the weather. My records show that I used old seed so my early sowing only produced weak seedlings. It has been my experience that weak seedlings become weak plants. Note to self – buy new seed in 2018.

On the flip side of all this negativity, there were several success stories. Carrots and kale were the gold medal champions. In normal years the carrots are OK, but I am lazy about thinning and watering so they tend to be small and twisted. This year I took time thinning the seedlings about two weeks after they sprouted and since it was cool and damp, I transplanted the tiny carrots to other rows. It stayed cool and damp for weeks so all of the transplants lived and we had a bumper crop. There are probably 30 bags of sweet, purple, gold and orange carrots in the freezer for the winter.

The kale, Redbor, Winterbor and Dwarf Curled Vates produced like they did in 2014 and were actually a bit sweeter with the cooler weather. That hot spot of 90 degree weather in September was a worry as the plants wilted in the unprecedented heat but with a cool end to the month, picking resumed.

The bonus of the season was jalapeño peppers. Started in mid-April, the plants were no bigger than seedlings in August with few blossoms and even fewer pollinators. I felt kind of silly covering the tiny plants with that threat of frost mentioned above, but took the chance. Unexpectedly, in early October, when pulling out the tomato plants, I found enough peppers to make a dozen jars of jalapeño jelly!

I must add another note to my records: nature always surprises !

Redbor kale produced well this year in the cool fall temperatures.


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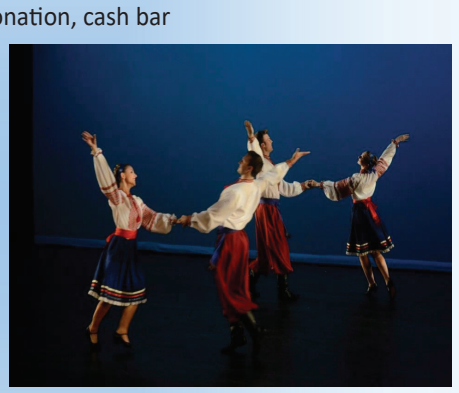

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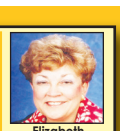

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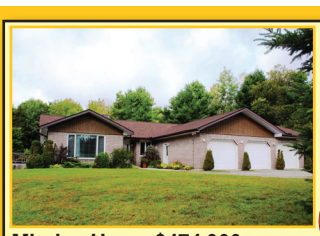

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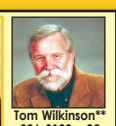

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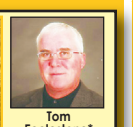

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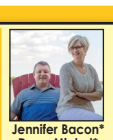

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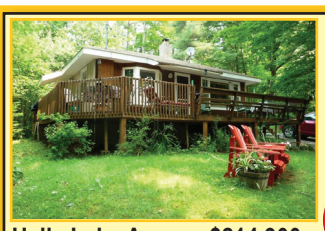

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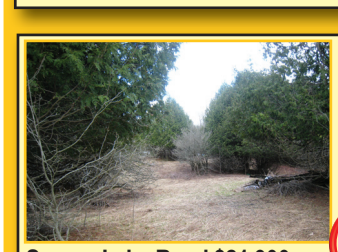


Janice
Brookes*
457-2128 x 22

NEW LISTING

**Soyers Lake Road $21,900**

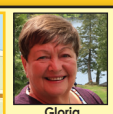
- Great rolling lot - Central Location
- Close to many lakes and beaches
- Outlined in trees with clearing within

Kim Butt*
286-2138 x31

RIGHT IN TOWN

**Minden Lot $43,800**

- Vacant residential building lot in the town
- Located on the corner of Prince & Booth St
- Mostly cleared & level property, ideal for building



Gloria
Carnochan*
754-1932

ACREAGE

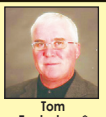
**West Guilford $89,000**

- 22. 4 acres, forested, with creek ( Hurricane)
- 941' on Cnty Rd 6, Many Bldg Sites
- Walking distance to village & lake

Mark Dennys*
457-0473

**Home/Cottage $359,900**

- 64 Acres, Hardwood Forest, Private, Stream
- 1287 Sq Ft, 3 Bdm, 4 pc Bath
- Hike/Quad/Hunt/Fish, 15 Min to Haliburton



Tom
Ecclestone*
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**New Commercial Units for Lease**

- 4 units, 700 to 1000 sq. ft.
- HWY 35 and CR 21 Exposure
- Bell Fibre Optic Internet and More

Lindsay
Elder**
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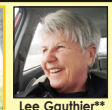
SOLD

**Brady Lake $299,000**

- Beautifully re-done from the floor to ceiling
- Open concept living space, 3 bdrms, 2 baths
- Year round assess, all overlooking Brady Lake



Lee Gauthier**
489-9968

**Sir Sams Chalet $599,000**

- B&B or Residential: 8 bdrms, 3 bathrooms
- Excellent investment on Sir Sam's ski hill,

Scott Harrison*
286-2138 x 28

**Kennisis Lake Rd $139,900**

- 52.9 Acres of mixed hardwood & Hemlock
- Yr-round access, mins to West Guildford
- Well is in, Building Site Cleared, Septic Approval

Andrew Hodgson***
286-2138 x 29

NEW PRICE

**Haliburton Home $299,000**

- Classic 4 bdrm home right in Haliburton Village
- Amazing view over Head Lake + shop & garage
- Sits on a 1.3 acre lot with nice backyard

Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 33

NEW LISTING

**Miskwabi Lake $499,9 00**

- Prime level lot, western exposure, big lake view
- 3BR cottage with heated line, lots of upgrades
- 123' frontage, clean shoreline, year round access

Rosemarie Jung*
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**New Home!! $359,900**

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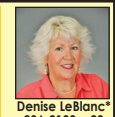

Denise LeBlanc*
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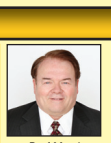
**Highway 35 $99,000**

- 3.5 acre property with 778 feet of frontage
- Building site is cleared, driveway installed
- Well treed, easy access & close to Minden



David Lee*
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**Gooderham Lake $269,900**

- 2 bedroom log cabin on the lake
- Lovely screened porch to enjoy nature
- 100 feet waterfront, sand & rock

Erin Nicholls*
457–2128 x 34

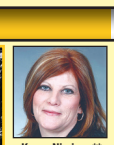
**West Lake Lots from $239,900**

- 3 beautiful waterfront lots to choose from
- Access via township road, terrific building sites
- Suitable for home or cottage location

Brandon Nimigon
457–2128 x 27

**Kashagawigamog Lake $469,900**

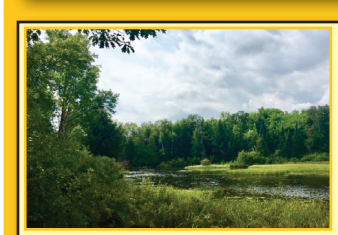
- Executive 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath townhouse condo
- 2550 sf, 3 levels, Custom kitchen, open concept
- Access to our premium 5 lake chain!

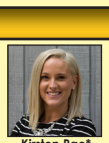


Karen Nimigon**
457–2128 x 29

**Lake Lorraine $114,000**

- 1+ acre lot with 30' lakefront on a pretty lake
- Great building lot awaiting your imagination
- Own waterfront at an affordable price

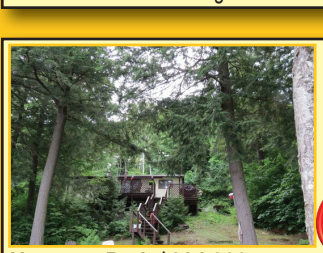


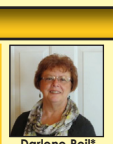


Kirsten Rae*
286-2138 x 30

**Kennisis River $109,900**

- Lovely building lot, short boat ride into Halls Lake
- Natural shoreline with picturesque river views!





Darlene Reil*
447-2055

SOLD

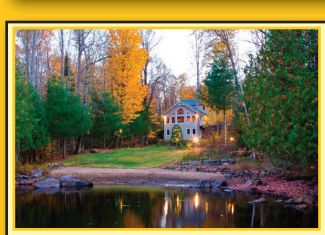
**Harcourt Park $224,900**

- 3 bedroom open concept cottage
- Excellent shoreline on lovely Allen Lake
- Newer dock, nice sized enclosed deck

Christine Sharp*
286-2138 x59

**Overlooking Beech Lake $297,500**

- Perfect size year round cottage or home
- 2 bedroom + 2 story bunkie & lots of updates
- 100' of sandy beach & dock across the road



Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

**Soyers Lake Estate $1,690,000**

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- Yr-round, 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths, att'd dbl car garage
- Open concept, lrg principle rooms, 2 stone FPs

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# Fall Colours

Just yesterday I went to my hoop-house and picked a large bowl of tomatoes. Sweet red peppers hang on their stocks, a second crop of broccoli is forming; Brussels sprouts are getting larger, soon to be picked. The cabbage heads will be ready once cooler weather arrives to sweeten them.

Today we awoke to a heavy drizzle of rain. The darkness created by the heavy cloud cover makes the green grass and fall colours more vibrant. I drive along the windy roads, enjoying the blanket of fallen leaves which have created a border on each side of the road. Ribbons of colour.

I am alone on the road, allowing me to look about as I travel. The rain has caused the air to smell earthy and fresh. I love that smell. It makes me feel renewed.

For a minute, I imagine being back in the city. My eyes glued on the bumper in front of me, ready to hit my brakes should I see the red of the brake lights or the distance between us disappear. I am aware of buildings made of concrete on either side of the road, a multitude of store signs trying to outdo each other, but I don't look at them. The air assaults my nostrils and I immediately close my throat, trying to prevent the toxic smog from entering my lungs. I don't like this feeling so I abruptly stop daydreaming.

Back to reality, the peacefulness and the country fall colours. I breathe deeply, savouring the taste of rain, soil and leaves.

I see a young deer. Its colour has been darkened by the heavy rain. It bounds, puppy-like, across the field, away from the road and towards the forest. I feel the smile spread across my face. I share its joy in the moment.

Last night a beautiful healthy wolf visited us. Its coat was thick and colourful. From inside our house, our young German shepherd was frantically barking at the wolf. The wolf simply stood still, staring back at the dog. After a few minutes, the wolf disappeared into the forest behind our house. During the night our dog howled, calling to the wolf, a beautiful, clear eerie sound. I did not hear the wolf respond. I wonder what it came here to tell us.

*Laura Mount is a member of the Algonquin Highlands Writers' Circle, a resonance writers group. For more information https://ahwriterscircleblog.wordpress.com.*

# Three Rings

Would you be open to the experience of just letting your phone ring three times before answering it?

If so, then, upon hearing the first ring, just bring awareness to its impact on the body, to its impact on the mind, to its impact on the spirit.

If so, then, upon hearing the first ring, bring attention to the quality of the breath, the inhalation and exhalation; then, on the second ring allow the breath to deepen and deepen still further on the third ring, expanding and contracting the belly.

If so, then as you allow yourself to take the call on the third ring, notice the tone of your voice, notice the tone of the caller.

I have been practising "three rings" for about two months now. I heard about the practice at a gathering of Haliburton Sangha (group). First we practised meditation and then the host gave the "dharma," the teaching on the three rings she learned from the Vietnamese monk, the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh.

"Mom, this practice is so helpful," said my daughter after noticing I was engaged in not answering her phone calls for three rings.

"That's great to hear. What's helpful?"

"I pause and notice my anxiety and stress level and by the time you answer, they are considerably reduced."

"That's great that it's of benefit to both of us."

Other callers have also remarked on the practice as having a positive effect.

If you are at all curious, give the "three rings" practice a try, just one call at a time and practice, practice, practice.

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## Wind

Wind flinging the wings of seagulls across the canvas of Sky, charcoal clouds smudging the Sun.

I stand on the road, staring out at the shadow-coloured Lake, on this shadowless day, watching Wind batter its waves, skin the tree that sways in front of me, its branches bare, twining in the Air like barbed wire, but for the three yellow leaves, still clinging to their twigs. I watch them flutter,

I watch the tree thrash, as Wind lashes its limbs, its spine stooping toward the Lake, waves frothing on the shore.

Leaves whirling all around me, as Wind swoops them from the side of the road, hurling them into the Air, stale leaves colliding with fresh leaves still falling, swirling in this maelstrom, the storm swelling in the lead bellies of clouds.

My hands yank my sleeves past my fingertips, then wrap them around my trunk, my feet remain rooted to the road, leaves skittering past me, like hermit crabs, before they are scooped up by Wind.

I stare at the solitary tree, springing from the finger of land, pointing out toward the Lake, the rest of the hand eroded by water and Wind.

I am transfixed by the two yellow leaves, flailing in the Wind, their triplet snatched from its branch a moment ago, tossed into the Air, lost among the other leaves, torn from their trees.

I admire the leaves' stubbornness, their resistance to Wind, wondering whether their stems are stronger than the rest, or whether they will themselves to cling?

How frail the tree looks, without its fur, its branches raw nerves, frayed even further by Wind.

I close my eyes, just listen to Wind, slashing the Lake, bashing the wings of seagulls screeching up in Sky.

The sound of dried leaves fleeing Wind, makes me smile, as the first droplet of Rain lands on my nose.

I wonder how far the leaves will get before Wind catches them, as I wrap my arms tighter around my torso, to barricade the Wind.

I am not so brave as the tree, its branches bending to receive the storm, nails of Rain splitting the bellies of clouds, a single yellow leaf trembling on its twig, as I scurry down the road, with the rest of the leaves, trying to outrun Wind.

*Submitted by Sylvie Kalenda*

**Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents and Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services**

*would like to remind the community that we provide quick and supportive access to mental health and counselling services.*

**Parents and Caregivers – if you are concerned about the mental health of your child or youth give Point in Time a call at 705-457-5345.**

**Youth can also call us directly.**

**Adults – if you are in need of mental health supports please call Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services at 705-286-4575.**

**Coming Soon...**

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**22nd Annual Christmas Challenge**

**Join the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association and help us to make a difference!**

As the Christmas party season commences, The Haliburton County Home Builders would like to encourage you to include its Christmas Challenge in your plans. Large or small, each gift will help fill the Christmas hampers distributed by the Food Banks in Haliburton County. This is the 22nd anniversary of the Christmas Challenge. Whether this is the first year you have taken the challenge or the 22nd year all gifts are needed. If you aren't sure what to collect simply gather local gift certificates. A value of $15.00 each make is easy to top up gifts for families who have teenagers.

**Step 1: Call 705-457-6901 in advance to arrange a date to pick up your gifts**

**Step 2: Collect unwrapped toys or food items at your office or your Christmas Party.**

Remember to make the most of the Challenge have your gifts ready for pick up

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UPCOMING

# Community Events

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## Upcoming Events

**HHHS - Community Support Services Community Christmas Luncheons**
Haliburton Christmas Lunch:
Minden Christmas Lunch: Thursday Dec. 7, noon - 2 p.m.
Where: Minden Legion, RSVP by Nov. 30 - $19
Wilberforce Christmas Lunch: Friday Dec. 8, noon - 2 p.m.
Where: Wilberforce Legion, RSVP by Dec. 1 - $15
Entertainment and delicious turkey dinner with dessert, tea/coffee
Call 705-457-2941 to order your tickets

**5th Annual Oxtongue Lake Community Christmas Tree Lighting**
When: Dec. 1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Snow date - Sunday, Dec. 3)
Where: Oxtongue Lake Community Centre
The event starts with a welcome at 5:30 p.m., tree lighting and carolling will take place at 6 p.m., followed by Warm Up and Social Time at 6:30 p.m. Join in the fun with a special guest tree lighter, carolling, hot chocolate, hot apple cider and snacks. All are welcome!
Contact Marlene Kyle at 705-635-9816 for more information.

**Christmas Luncheon**
When: Friday, Dec. 1,11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Where: Our Lady of Fatima Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden,
Bucket draw, bake sale, Santa squares, 50/50 tickets - Admission $5 (Snow date Dec. 2)

**Santa's Workshop Craft Sale, hosted by the Wilberforce Heritage Guild.**
When: Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce.
Large variety of gift ideas from knitted items, jewellery, art, stained glass, candles, wreaths, gingerbread cookies, fruitcake, crafts and more. Something for everyone. Lunch provided by St. Margaret's Anglican Church. Free tea and coffee all day.

**The Nutcracker**
When: Saturday, Dec. 2 (2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) and Sunday, Dec. 3 (2 p.m.)
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, HHSS, Haliburton
Tickets available online starting Nov. 11: https://www.onstagedirect.com/buy/event_info.action?eventId=730
Ukrainian dancers are back again this year to join Heritage Ballet in their annual Christmas performance.

**Winter Festival and Farmers' Market**
When: Saturday, Dec. 2, 12 to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Abbey Gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Drive, Haliburton
Together with the Haliburton County Farmers' Market, we are hosting a winter festival and farmers' market. Local shopping, kids activities, seasonal foods and Christmas trees.
Contact information: For more information, contact Cara Steele, cara@abbeygardens.ca, (705) 754 4769. www.abbeygardens.ca.

**Making Moccasins**
When: Dec. 6, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Where: Carnarvon
Interested in learning a new skill? Broaden your creative horizons with moccasin making. This full-day workshop will give you everything you need to know about the art, including tanned hide for moccasin body, leather lacing, pattern making, needles and sinew for stitching, and all the instruction and assistance to complete the project in one day.
Contact: Barrie Martin of Yours Outdoors 705-754-3436 or info@youroutdoors.ca

**Light in the Darkness: A "Blue Christmas" Service for those experiencing grief & sorrow.**
When: Dec. 3, 2 p.m.
Where: St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Haliburton
This service is open to everyone. It is being prepared by representatives from various Christian denominations. There will be prayer, music, and reflections followed by snacks and refreshments.

**Kinmount, Let it Glow, Christmas Tree Lighting**
When: Thursday, Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m.
Where: Kinmount Train Station
Carolling, bonfire and treats. Free photo with Santa

**St. Paul's Anglican Church Children's Christmas Gift Sale**
When: Friday, Dec. 8, 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: 19 Invergordon Ave, Minden
Nothing costs more than $1. Children come and shop for Christmas Gifts for family and friends. We will help the children shop, wrap and tag the gifts, they will be ready to take home and put under the tree. Please come and share in the joy of this day. Everyone welcome For more info, please call the church office at 705-286-2541

## Legion Events

**Branch 624, Wilberforce**
**Friday** Wing night 6:30 - 9 p.m.
Jam session 7:30 p.m.
**Saturday** Meat draw 2 p.m. - Early bird 3 p.m.
**Sunday** L.A. breakfast 9 a.m. - noon
**Monday** Bid Euchre 7:00pm Beginners welcome
**Wednesday** Fun Darts 7:30pm
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**Saturday, Dec. 2** Wildlife dinner
**Jan. 27, 2018** Crib tournament in Trenton
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## Former Publisher signs pact to coach Junior 'A' in Victoria

Former Minden Progress publisher Al Greir has signed a one-year contract to coach the Victoria Maple Leafs Junior 'A' entry in the Pacific Coast International Hockey League.

The league is a newly-formed group headed by Father David Bauer of the University of British Columbia, with seven teams: four from the B.C. mainland and one each from Victoria, Seattle and Portland.

Training camp starts on the 18th, at the Memorial Centre in Victoria with some 35 players taking part. Over the past month more than 200 boys tried out to make the final cut.

Well-known in the Haliburton Highlands community, not only as the Progress publisher but for his tireless work in such community service projects as Rotary Club, minor sports and Recreation and Arena Committee work, Al Greir will be greatly missed on the local front.

On behalf of the whole community this newspaper wishes Al and his family the very best of luck in their new venture.

## Attention all Broomball Players

There will be a meeting in the New Community Centre on Thursday, Sept. 20th at 7 pm for anyone wishing to play broomball this winter for the Minden Hylanders. There are hopes of forming a broomball league in the Minden area this year. There are presently four teams; Minden Hylanders, Minden O.P.P, Horseshoe Lakers and Red & White Telstars.

If further information is required please contact Cliff Burke at 286-1318.

## Senior citizens report

by
MRS. ADA LEWIS AND
MISS DOROTHY CLARKE

The first Resident Council meeting of the Sr. Citizens Homes held at the Westbury Hotel in Toronto on Sept. 5 and 6 was attended by Mrs. Lily Rawlins, Miss Dorothy Clarke and Mrs. Ada Lewis of the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home.

The welcoming address was given by the Hon. Rene Brunelle to a gathering of over two hundred. In his remarks Mr. Brunelle expressed his pleasure at seeing an increasing number of residents actively participating, not only in their homes, but in conventions Senior Citizens week and other related events. He stressed the immense change that has taken place in the past 70 years.

The workshops were interesting and very helpful, stressing three basic needs. The need to belong, the need for security and the need for friendship. Residents should be encouraged to take part in any program according to their ability; the objective being that every resident be helped to realize his or her potential.

A very enjoyable profram was put on by a group from The Thompson House and The Smile Company of Toronto when George Murray and a very talented blind pianist entertained.

Closing night, after the banquet, a very interesting address was given by Lawrence Crawford Director, Homes for the Aged, and an unexpected and inspiring vocal rendition of 'How Great Thou Art' by a resident who was blind. The residents present joined in the chorus after each verse. This seemed a fitting close to a very helpful and enjoyable two days.

## $5,000 fire destroys cottage

Despite the all-out efforts of the entire Haliburton Volunteer Fire Department a small frame cottage on Lake Kashagawigamog was completely destroyed by fire Saturday night.

Owned by Fred Edwards of Edgewater Beach the cottage was gutted by the time the fire department arrived with all three fire trucks.

Neighbours and area residents formed a bucket brigade until the firemen got to the scene, but were unable to contain the blaze.

Thirty minutes after the firemen arrived the fire was out. Damage was estimated at four to five thousand dollars.

Cause of the fire is unknown.

## Plan for Fall planting of evergreens

Gardeners should be making plans now for fall landscaping with evergreens. Evergreens transplant well in the fall, says D.B. McNeill, a horticultural specialist from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Late August or early September are the best times to plant new evergreens or move present plants. However, if you don't have the time then, they can still be planted until very late in the season, with excellent results.

One reason for the success in transplanting evergreens in the fall is that they start to develop new roots to ready themselves for the winter. By planting them now or later in the fall, gardeners can take advantage of this natural process. Other factors in successful fall planting are that evergreen growth has stopped or slowed considerably, summer heat is past, and fall rains have started.

If you did not complete your landscaping last spring, or if there are some changes you still want to make, visit your local garden centre. They should have a good selection of evergreens to choose from. Successful transplanting is almost guaranteed in the fall.

## Gertrude Jane Feir

Haliburton County's best-known newspaper woman is dead.

Gertrude Jane Feir, wife of Haliburton County Echo publisher Berkeley Feir died suddenly in Lindsay early Tuesday morning. She had been taken to hospital in Lindsay Monday morning when she became ill.

For the past 22 years Mrs. Feir has been a well-known figure in the offices of the Echo where she worked right alongside her husband and, more recently, her son Creighton in the weekly publication of their newspaper.

Mrs. Feir is resting at the John Welch and Son Funeral Home in Minden.

Funeral service will be held at 10.30 a.m., Thursday, September 13, at St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton, with internment at Evergreen Cemetary.

## How things have changed at Kennisis Lake

by
ELMER SAWYER

(The following article has been contributed by Minden resident Elmer Sawyer. About 75 years young, Mr. Sawyer is a former logger, hunting and fishing guide, road planner and timer cruiser whose father Ben was born at Maple Lake and pioneered in Haliburton County -- Ed.)

In 1924 my father Ben Sawyer, along with Sam Redner, Frank Thomas (of Deer Lodge), and three men from Dunsford went up to the hunt camp at Kennisis Lake.

We packed our groceries, blankets, etc., and loaded a wagon. My brother, Ross Sawyer, took us to Mud Lake where our JOURNEY began. We went up Mud Lake, Bear Lake, Horn Lake, Lipsey Lake, and to the foot of the now famous Kennisis Lake, and up to Little Kennisis. My canoe was in good shape and I got there first. It was after dark so I lit a fire on a rock, and it was not long before a voice said, 'Brand it up; we are all wet.' One of the canoes had upset, and we went into Cooper's Camp which was built before the turn of the century.

The next day, we went on up to Wolf Lake to a trapper's cabin. This belonged to Walter Johnson. It was 8 feet wide and 10 feet long with one single bed made of round poles and covered with balsam brush. What a place for seven men to sleep! It was built of logs with split cedar on the roof, and chinked with cedar and moss. There was one small tin stove, and a small bench--used for a table. There was one lantern but no oil. The wash dish was outside on a stump.

We cut some fire wood and then settled down to hunt. There were no dog pens so I shared my blankets with the dogs. We were there for five days and had four deer. While on our way back by Redstone, the dogs decided they both should claim the deer that I had in my canoe, and I lost the paddle but made to shore using my hands, got an extra paddle from under the deer, got the dogs back in the canoe and on our way again.

We stayed in this cabin for two seasons. In 1926 we built a cabin on Little Kennisis (lot 26,

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This impeccable 3 bdrm home is sure to check off all the boxes! Great space for entertaining both inside & out. Enjoy movie nights in your own theater! Many improvements, dbl att & insul garage and in a great location.

**$499,000**

## LITTLE GLAMOR LAKE

Custom designed 2 story cottage with four bedrooms. Recently built single garage. Great spot for relaxation with well treed privacy and excellent beach.

**$469,000**

## SALERNO LAKE

Fully winterized three bedroom log cottage on Salerno Lake. Interior is finished with cozy pine w/ vaulted ceilings for spacious feel. 167' of secluded waterfront located in a small cove providing nice safe swimming.

**$449,000**

## HARBURN ROAD

Endless possibilities with this five-bedroom home on almost 15 acres. Not enough space? The adjacent 68 acres is also included in the purchase price. Lots of living space with five bedrooms and studio - only five minutes from Haliburton!

**$425,000**

## COTTAGE PLUS BUNKIE

Enjoy cottage living with this cozy 4 season cottage and large bunkie with many upgrades. Municipal access to Miskwabi Lakeacross the road.

**$174,000**

## VACANT LOTS & WATERFRONT

**Hwy 503 Building Lot 1.33 Acres..$14,900**
**Salerno Lake Access .45 Acres...$25,000**
**Maple Lake Access .79 Acres..$34,500**
**North Shore Road 2.8 Acres....$49,000**
**Miskwabi Lake Access.98 Acres..$59,000**

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## *SOYERS LAKE*

Stunning Timberframe 4 bdrm waterfront cottage/ home on Soyers Lake. Quality finishing inside & out. Oversized insulated double det'd garage. Enjoy peace & quiet in this tranquil bay w/little boat traffic & easy access to the 5 lk chain.

**$2,150,000**